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B. COPENHAGEN 3497 DTG 261448Z MAY 78
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1. WE WOULD SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGE RECOMMENDATION CONTAINED IN
PARA 3 OF REFTTEL C THAT MAJ GEN BOWMAN VISIT COPENHAGEN TO DISCUSS
DANISH PAYMENT PHASING. WE OBVIOUSLY DON'T WISH THIS OPPORTUNITY
TO ENSURE DANISH PARTICIPATION IN AWACS PROCUREMENT TO BE LOST.

2. DISCUSSIONS WITH DANISH MOD REPRESENTATIVES TODAY, HOWEVER,
INDICATE THAT ACTIVITIES ARE UNDER WAY WITHIN MOD NOW TO DETERMINE
FEASIBILITY OF MEETING ACCEPTABLE PAYMENT SCHEDULE WITHOUT THE
NEED OF BILATERAL AGREEMENT WITH US TO PRE-FINANCE PORTION OF
DANISH SHARE. IF THIS CAN BE WORKED OUT BY DANES THEMSELVES,
THERE WOULD APPEAR TO BE NO NEED FOR GENERAL BOWMAN TO COME TO
DENMARK. MOD HAS, THEREFORE, ASKED US TO DELAY THE QUESTION QUOTE
FOR A DAY OR TWO UNQUOTE UNTIL THEY CAN OBTAIN MOD SOGAARD'S
VIEWS ON THIS VISIT PROPOSAL. THEY HAVE PROMISED TO ADVISE US ON
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HIS DECISION EARLY NEXT WEEK.

3. WE HAVE EMPHASIZED US WILLINGNESS TO BE AS FORTHCOMING AND
ACCOMMODATING AS POSSIBLE AND WE WILL BE HAPPY TO PROVIDE GENERAL
BOWMAN'S EXPERTISE IF DESIRED. OBVIOUSLY, IF DANES CAN MEET AWACS
PAYMENT SCHEDULE WITHOUT THESE ADDITIONAL BILATERAL COMPLICATIONS,
WHICH THEY APPEAR TO BE TRYING TO DO, THAT IS OUR BEST SOLUTION.

4. WE WILL ADVISE OF DANISH DECISION OF GENERAL BOWMAN VISIT
PROPOSAL AS SOON AS IT IS KNOWN TO US.
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